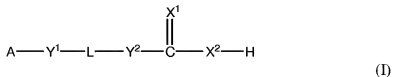


**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (I):



wherein

A is a cyclic moiety selected from the group consisting of C<sub>3-14</sub> cycloalkyl, 3-14 membered heterocycloalkyl, C<sub>4-14</sub> cycloalkenyl, 3-14 membered heterocycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl; the cyclic moiety being optionally substituted with 1-3 substituents, each of which is independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, hydroxyl, hydroxylalkyl, halo, haloalkyl, amino, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkyloxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkylsulfonylamino, aminosulfonyl, and alkylsulfonyl;

each of X<sup>1</sup> and X<sup>2</sup>, independently, is O or S;

Y<sup>1</sup> is -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -O-, -S-, -N(R<sup>a</sup>)-, -N(R<sup>a</sup>)-C(O)-O-, -O-C(O)-N(R<sup>a</sup>)-, -N(R<sup>a</sup>)-C(O)N(R<sup>b</sup>)-, -O-C(O)-O-, or a bond; each of R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup>, independently being hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, hydroxylalkyl, hydroxyl, or haloalkyl;

Y<sup>2</sup> is CH<sub>2</sub> or a bond;

L is a straight C<sub>3-12</sub> hydrocarbon chain optionally containing at least one double bond adjacent to Y<sup>1</sup> or Y<sup>2</sup>, at least one triple bond, or at least one double bond and one triple bond; said hydrocarbon chain being optionally substituted with C<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2-4</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, hydroxyl, halo, amino, nitro, C<sub>3-5</sub> cycloalkyl, 3-5 membered heterocycloalkyl, monocyclic aryl, 5-6 membered heteroaryl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylcarbonyloxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylcarbonyl, or formyl; and further being optionally interrupted by -O-, -N(R<sup>c</sup>)-, -N(R<sup>c</sup>)-C(O)-O-, -O-C(O)-(R<sup>c</sup>)-, -N(R<sup>c</sup>)-C(O)-N(R<sup>d</sup>)-, or -O-C(O)-O-; each of R<sup>c</sup> and R<sup>d</sup>, independently, being hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, hydroxylalkyl, hydroxyl, or haloalkyl; provided that when L contains two or more double bonds, the double bonds are not adjacent to each other; that when L contains three double bonds, said hydrocarbon chain is further substituted with C<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2-4</sub> alkynyl,

C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, hydroxyl, halo, amino, nitro, C<sub>3-5</sub> cycloalkyl, 3-5 membered heterocycloalkyl, monocyclic aryl, 5-6 membered heteroaryl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylcarbonyloxy,

C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylcarbonyl, or formyl; and further provided that when L is ~~C<sub>3-7</sub>~~ C<sub>4-6</sub> and contains one triple bond or one or two double bonds and A is phenyl or substituted phenyl, Y<sup>1</sup> is not a bond or -CH<sub>2</sub>-, and Y<sup>2</sup> is -CH<sub>2</sub>-;

provided that when L is C<sub>4</sub>, A is C<sub>3-14</sub> cycloalkyl then [[Y<sub>1</sub>]] Y<sup>1</sup> is not CH<sub>2</sub>; and further provided that when L is C<sub>4</sub> containing two double bonds, and is ω-substituted with phenyl or substituted phenyl, A is not phenyl or substituted phenyl;

or a salt thereof, wherein the compound is not 8-phenyl-5-octenoic acid, 6-phenyl-5-hexenoic acid, 5, 5-diphenylpent-4-enoic acid, 2,2-dichloro-12-phenyl-11-dodecenoic acid, 8-phenyl-6-octenoic acid or 13-phenyl-11-tridecenoic acid.

2. **(Original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein X<sup>1</sup> is O.

3. **(Original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein X<sup>2</sup> is O.

4. **(Original)** The compound of claim 1, where each of X<sup>1</sup> and X<sup>2</sup> is O.

5. **(Previously Presented)** The compound of claim 1, wherein Y<sup>1</sup> is -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -O-, -N(R<sup>B</sup>)-, or a bond.

6. **(Canceled)**

7. **(Previously Presented)** The compound of claim 1, wherein L is an unsaturated C<sub>4-8</sub> hydrocarbon containing at least one double bond and no triple bond, said unsaturated hydrocarbon chain being optionally substituted with C<sub>1-2</sub> alkoxy, hydroxyl, -NH<sub>2</sub>, -NH(C<sub>1-2</sub> alkyl), or -N(C<sub>1-2</sub> alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, or -N(C<sub>1-2</sub> alkyl)<sub>2</sub>.

8. **(Original)** The compound of claim 7, wherein the double bond is in trans configuration.

9-11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) The compound of claim 1, wherein A is phenyl, naphthyl, indanyl, or tetrahydronaphthyl.

13. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein A is phenyl optionally substituted with 1-3 substituents each of which is independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, hydroxyl, hydroxylalkyl, halo, haloalkyl, and amino.

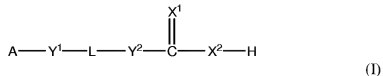
14-15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 13, wherein L is an unsaturated C<sub>4-8</sub> hydrocarbon chain containing only double bonds in trans configuration, said unsaturated hydrocarbon chain being optionally substituted with C<sub>1-2</sub> alkoxy, hydroxyl, -NH<sub>2</sub>, -NH(C<sub>1-2</sub> alkyl), or -N(C<sub>1-2</sub> alkyl)<sub>2</sub>.

17. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 16, wherein X<sup>1</sup> is O; X<sup>2</sup> is O; and Y<sup>1</sup> is -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -O-, -N(R<sup>a</sup>)-, or a bond.

18-21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (I):



wherein

A is a cyclic moiety selected from the group consisting of aryl and heteroaryl; the cyclic moiety being optionally substituted with alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxylalkyl, or amino; each of X<sup>1</sup> and X<sup>2</sup>, independently, is O or S;

Y<sup>1</sup> is -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -O-, -S-, -N(R<sup>a</sup>)-, -N(R<sup>a</sup>)-C(O)-O-, -O-C(O)-N(R<sup>a</sup>)-, -N(R<sup>a</sup>)-C(O)-N(R<sup>b</sup>)-,

-O-C(O)-O-, or a bond; each of  $R^a$  and  $R^b$ , independently, being hydrogen, alkyl, hydroxylalkyl, or haloalkyl;

$Y^2$  is  $CH_2$  ~~or a bond~~;

L is a straight  $C_{3-12}$  hydrocarbon chain optionally containing at least one double bond adjacent to  ~~$Y^1$  or  $Y^2$ , at least one triple bond, or at least one double bond and one triple bond~~; said hydrocarbon chain being optionally substituted with  $C_{2-4}$  alkenyl,  $C_{2-4}$  alkynyl,  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxy, or amino, and further optionally interrupted by -O- or -N( $R^c$ )-, where  $R^c$  is hydrogen, alkyl, hydroxylalkyl, or haloalkyl; provided that when L contains two or more double bonds, the double bonds are not adjacent to each other; that when L contains three double bonds, said hydrocarbon chain is substituted with  $C_{2-4}$  alkenyl,  $C_{2-4}$  alkynyl,  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxy, or amino; and further provided that when L is  ~~$C_4$  or  $C_5$~~   $C_{3-7}$  and contains one triple bond or one or two double bonds and A is phenyl or substituted phenyl,  $Y^1$  is not a bond or  $-CH_2-$ , and  $Y^2$  is  $-CH_2-$ ; or a salt thereof, wherein the compound is not 8-phenyl-5-octenoic acid, 6-phenyl-5-hexenoic acid, 5, 5-diphenylpent-4-enoic acid, 2,2-dichloro-12-phenyl-11-dodecenoic acid, 8-phenyl-6-octenoic acid or 13-phenyl-11-tridecenoic acid.

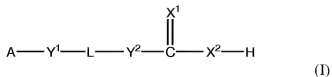
23-24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 22, wherein L is an unsaturated  $C_{4-8}$  hydrocarbon chain containing only double bonds in trans configuration, said unsaturated hydrocarbon chain being optionally substituted with  $C_{1-2}$  alkoxy, hydroxyl,  $-NH_2$ ,  $-NH(C_{1-2} \text{ alkyl})$ , or  $-N(C_{1-2} \text{ alkyl})_2$ .

26. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 25, where in  $X^1$  is O;  $X^2$  is O; and  $Y^1$  is  $-CH_2-$ , -O-, -N( $R^a$ )-, or a bond.

27-79. (Canceled)

80. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition, comprising compound of formula (I):



wherein

A is a cyclic moiety selected from the group consisting of C<sub>3-14</sub> cycloalkyl, 3-14 membered heterocycloalkyl, C<sub>4-14</sub> cycloalkenyl, 3-14 membered heterocycloalkenyl, aryl, and heteroaryl; the cyclic moiety being optionally substituted with 1-3 substituents, each of which is independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, hydroxyl, hydroxylalkyl, halo, haloalkyl, amino, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkyloxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkylsulfonfylamino, aminosulfonyl, and alkylsulfonyl; each of X<sup>1</sup> and X<sup>2</sup>, independently, is O or S;

Y<sup>1</sup> is -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -O-, -S-, -N(R<sup>a</sup>)-, -N(R<sup>a</sup>)-C(O)-O-, -O-C(O)-N(R<sup>a</sup>)-, -N(R<sup>a</sup>)-C(O)-N(R<sup>b</sup>)-, -O-C(O)-O-, or a bond; each of R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> independently, being hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, hydroxylalkyl, hydroxyl, or haloalkyl;

Y<sup>2</sup> is CH<sub>2</sub> or a bond;

L is a straight C<sub>5-12</sub> hydrocarbon chain containing at least one double bond adjacent to ~~Y<sup>1</sup> or Y<sup>2</sup>, or at least one double bond and one triple bond~~; said hydrocarbon chain being optionally substituted with C<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2-4</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, hydroxyl, halo, amino, nitro, cyano, C<sub>3-5</sub> cycloalkyl, 3-5 membered heterocycloalkyl, monocyclic aryl, 5-6 membered heteroaryl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylcarbonyloxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyloxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylcarbonyl, or formyl; and further being optionally interrupted by -O-, -N(R<sup>c</sup>)-, -N(R<sup>c</sup>)-C(O)-O-, -O-C(O)-N(R<sup>c</sup>)-, -N(R<sup>c</sup>)-C(O)-N(R<sup>d</sup>)-, or -O-C(O)-O-; each of R<sup>c</sup> and R<sup>d</sup>, independently, being hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, hydroxylalkyl, hydroxyl, or haloalkyl;

provided that when L is C<sub>4</sub>, A is C<sub>3-14</sub> cycloalkyl then Y<sub>1</sub> is not CH<sub>2</sub>; and further provided that when L is C<sub>4</sub> containing two double bonds, and is ω-substituted with phenyl or substituted phenyl, A is not phenyl or substituted phenyl; further provided that when L is C<sub>4</sub> or C<sub>5</sub> ~~C<sub>3-7</sub>~~ and contains one triple bond or one or two double bonds and A is phenyl or substituted phenyl, Y<sup>1</sup> is not a bond or -CH<sub>2</sub>-, and Y<sup>2</sup> is -CH<sub>2</sub>-;

or a salt thereof; and

a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein the compound is not 8-phenyl-5-octenoic

acid, 6-phenyl-5-hexenoic acid, 5, 5-diphenylpent-4-enoic acid, 2,2-dichloro-12-phenyl-11-dodecenoic acid, 8-phenyl-6-octenoic acid or 13-phenyl-11-tridecenoic acid.

81. **(Previously Presented)** The pharmaceutical composition of claim 80, wherein  $X^1$  is O.

82. **(Previously Presented)** The pharmaceutical composition of claim 80, wherein  $X^2$  is O.

83. **(Previously Presented)** The pharmaceutical composition of claim 80, where each of  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  is O.

84. **(Previously Presented)** The pharmaceutical composition of claim 80, wherein  $Y^1$  is  $-CH_2-$ ,  $-O-$ ,  $-N(R^3)-$ , or a bond.

85. **(Previously Presented)** The pharmaceutical composition of claim 80, wherein L is an unsaturated  $C_{5,8}$  hydrocarbon chain containing at least one double bond and no triple bond, said unsaturated hydrocarbon chain being optionally substituted with  $C_{1-2}$  alkoxy, hydroxyl,  $-NH_2$ ,  $-NH(C_{1-2} \text{ alkyl})$ , or  $-N(C_{1-2} \text{ alkyl})_2$ , or  $-N(C_{1-2} \text{ alkyl})_2$ .

86. **(Previously Presented)** The pharmaceutical composition of claim 85, wherein the double bond is in trans configuration.

87. **(Previously Presented)** The pharmaceutical composition of claim 80 wherein A is phenyl, naphthyl, indanyl, or tetrahydronaphthyl.

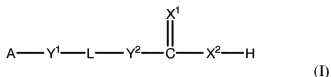
88. **(Previously Presented)** The pharmaceutical composition of claim 80, wherein A is phenyl optionally substituted with 1-3 substituents, each of which is independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, hydroxyl, hydroxylalkyl, halo, haloalkyl and amino.

89. **(Previously Presented)** The pharmaceutical composition of claim 80, wherein L is an unsaturated  $C_{5,8}$  hydrocarbon chain containing only double bonds in trans configuration, said

unsaturated hydrocarbon chain being optionally substituted with  $C_{1-2}$  alkoxy, hydroxyl,  $-NH_2$ ,  $-NH(C_{1-2} \text{ alkyl})$ , or  $-N(C_{1-2} \text{ alkyl})_2$ .

90. **(Previously Presented)** The pharmaceutical composition of claim 89, wherein  $X^1$  is O;  $X^2$  is O; and  $Y^1$  is  $-CH_2-$ ,  $-O-$ ,  $-N(R^a)-$ , or a bond.

91. **(Currently Amended)** A compound of formula (I):



wherein

A is a cyclic moiety selected from the group consisting of  $C_{3-14}$  cycloalkyl, 3-14 membered heterocycloalkyl,  $C_{4-14}$  cycloalkenyl, 3-14 membered heterocycloalkenyl, aryl, and heteroaryl; the cyclic moiety being optionally substituted with alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, hydroxyl, hydroxylalkyl, halo, haloalkyl, amino, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkyloxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkylsulfonfylamino, aminosulfonyl, or alkylsulfonyl;

each of  $X^1$  and  $X^2$ , independently, is O or S;

$Y^1$  is  $-CH_2-$ ,  $-S-$ ,  $-N(R^a)-$ ,  $-N(R^a)-C(O)-O-$ ,  $-O-C(O)-N(R^a)-$ ,  $-N(R^a)-C(O)-N(R^b)-$ ,

$-O-C(O)-O-$ , or a bond; each of  $R^a$  and  $R^b$ , independently, being hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, hydroxylalkyl, hydroxyl, or haloalkyl;

$Y^2$  is  $-CH_2-$  or a bond;

L is a straight  $C_{3-6}$  hydrocarbon chain containing at least one double bond adjacent to  ~~$Y^1$  or  $Y^2$~~  at least one triple bond, or at least one double bond and one triple bond; said hydrocarbon chain being substituted with  $C_{2-4}$  alkenyl,  $C_{2-4}$  alkynyl,  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxy, amino, nitro,  $C_{3-5}$  cycloalkyl, 3-5 membered heterocycloalkyl, monocyclic aryl, 5-6 membered heteroaryl,  $C_{1-4}$  alkylcarbonyloxy,  $C_{1-4}$  alkylcarbonyl, or formyl; and further being optionally interrupted by  $-O-$ ,  $-N(R^c)-$ ,  $-N(R^c)-C(O)-O-$ ,  $-O-C(O)-N(R^c)-$ ,  $-N(R^c)-C(O)-N(R^d)-$ , or  $-O-C(O)-O-$ ; each of  $R^c$  and  $R^d$ , independently, being hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, hydroxylalkyl, hydroxyl, or

haloalkyl;

provided that when L is C<sub>4</sub>, A is C<sub>3-14</sub> cycloalkyl then Y<sub>1</sub> is not CH<sub>2</sub>; and further provided that when L is C<sub>4</sub> containing two double bonds, and is ω-substituted with phenyl or substituted phenyl, A is not phenyl or substituted phenyl; further provided that when L is C<sub>4</sub>-~~or~~-C<sub>5</sub> C<sub>3-7</sub> and contains one triple bond or one or two double bonds and A is phenyl or substituted phenyl, Y<sup>1</sup> is not a bond or -CH<sub>2</sub>-, and Y<sup>2</sup> is -CH<sub>2</sub>-;  
or a salt thereof, wherein the compound is not 5, 5-diphenylpent-4-enoic acid, 8-phenyl-6-octenoic acid or 13-phenyl-11-tridecenoic acid.

92. **(Previously Presented)** The compound of claim 91, wherein X<sup>1</sup> is O.

93. **(Previously Presented)** The compound of claim 91, wherein X<sup>2</sup> is O.

94. **(Previously Presented)** The compound of claim 91, wherein each of X<sup>1</sup> and X<sup>2</sup> is O.

95. **(Canceled)**

96. **(Previously Presented)** The compound of claim 91, wherein L is an unsaturated C<sub>4-6</sub> hydrocarbon chain containing at least one double bond and no triple bond, said unsaturated hydrocarbon chain being substituted with C<sub>1-2</sub> alkoxy, -NH<sub>2</sub>, -NH(C<sub>1-2</sub> alkyl), -N(C<sub>1-2</sub> alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, -N(C<sub>1-2</sub> alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, halo, or monocyclic aryl.

97. **(Previously Presented)** The compound of claim 96, wherein said double bond is in trans configuration.

98. **(Canceled)**

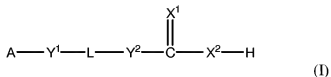
99. **(Previously Presented)** The compound of claim 91, wherein A is phenyl optionally substituted with alkyl, alkenyl, hydroxyl, hydroxylalkyl, halo, haloalkyl, or amino.



100. **(Previously Presented)** The compound of claim 91, wherein L is an unsaturated C<sub>5-6</sub> hydrocarbon chain containing double bonds only in trans configuration, said unsaturated hydrocarbon chain being substituted with C<sub>1-2</sub> alkoxy, -NH<sub>2</sub>, -NH(C<sub>1-2</sub> alkyl), -N(C<sub>1-2</sub> alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, halo, or monocyclic aryl.

101. **(Previously Presented)** The compound of claim 100, wherein X<sup>1</sup> is O; X<sup>2</sup> is O; and Y<sup>1</sup> is -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -N(R<sup>a</sup>)-, or a bond.

102. **(Currently Amended)** A compound of formula (I):



wherein

A is a cyclic moiety selected from the group consisting of C<sub>3-14</sub> cycloalkyl, 3-14 membered heterocycloalkyl, C<sub>4-14</sub> cycloalkenyl, 3-14 membered heterocycloalkenyl, aryl, a heteroaryl; the cyclic moiety being optionally substituted with alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, hydroxyl, hydroxylalkyl, halo, haloalkyl, amino, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkyloxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkylsulfonylamino, aminosulfonyl, or alkylsulfonyl;

each of X<sup>1</sup> and X<sup>2</sup>, independently, is O or S;

Y<sup>1</sup> is -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -O-, -S-, -N(R<sup>a</sup>)-, -N(R<sup>a</sup>)-C(O)-O-, -O-C(O)-N(R<sup>a</sup>)-, -N(R<sup>a</sup>)-C(O)-N(R<sup>b</sup>)-, -O-C(O)-O-, or a bond; each of R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup>, independently being hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, hydroxylalkyl, hydroxyl, or haloalkyl;

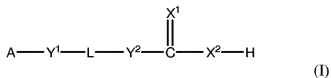
Y<sup>2</sup> is CH<sub>2</sub> or a bond;

L is a straight C<sub>3-7</sub> hydrocarbon chain optionally containing at least one double bond adjacent to ~~Y<sup>1</sup> or Y<sup>2</sup>, least one triple bond, or at least one double bond and one triple bond~~; said hydrocarbon chain being optionally substituted with C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2-4</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, hydroxyl, halo, amino, nitro, C<sub>3-5</sub> cycloalkyl, 3-5 membered heterocycloalkyl, monocyclic aryl, 5-6 membered heteroaryl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylcarbonyloxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylcarbonyl, or formyl; and further being

optionally interrupted by -O-, -N(R<sup>c</sup>)-, -N(R<sup>c</sup>)-C(O)-O-, -O-C(O)-N(R<sup>c</sup>)-, or -O-C(O)-O-; each of R<sup>c</sup> and R<sup>d</sup>, independently, being hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, hydroxylalkyl, hydroxyl, or haloalkyl; provided that when L contains two or more double bonds, the double bonds are not adjacent to each other; that when L contains three double bonds, said hydrocarbon chain is further substituted with C<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2-4</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, hydroxyl, halo, amino, nitro, C<sub>3-5</sub> cycloalkyl, 3-5 membered heterocycloalkyl, monocyclic aryl, 5-6 membered heteroaryl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylcarbonyloxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylcarbonyl, or formyl; and further provided that when L is C<sub>4</sub> or C<sub>5</sub> C<sub>3-7</sub> and contains one triple bond or one or two double bonds and A is phenyl or substituted phenyl, Y<sup>1</sup> is not a bond or -CH<sub>2</sub>-, and Y<sup>2</sup> is -CH<sub>2</sub>-; provided that when L is C<sub>4</sub>, A is C<sub>3-14</sub> cycloalkyl then Y<sub>1</sub> is not CH<sub>2</sub>; and further provided that when L is C<sub>4</sub> containing two double bonds, and is ω-substituted with phenyl or substituted phenyl, A is not phenyl or substituted phenyl;

or a salt thereof, wherein the compound is not 8-phenyl-5-octenoic acid, 6-phenyl-5-hexenoic acid, or 5, 5-diphenylpent-4-enoic acid.

103. **(Currently Amended)** A compound of formula (I):



wherein

A is phenyl, naphthyl, indanyl, or tetrahydronaphthyl;  
 each of X<sup>1</sup> and X<sup>2</sup>, independently, is O or S;  
 Y<sup>1</sup> is -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -S-, -N(R<sup>a</sup>)-C(O)-O-, -O-C(O)-N(R<sup>b</sup>)-, -N(R<sup>a</sup>)-C(O)-N(R<sup>b</sup>)-, -O-C(O)-O-, or a bond;  
 each of R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup>, independently, being hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, hydroxylalkyl, hydroxyl, or haloalkyl;  
 Y<sup>2</sup> is -CH<sub>2</sub>- ~~or a bond~~;  
 L is a straight C<sub>3-6</sub> hydrocarbon chain containing at least one double bond adjacent to ~~Y<sup>1</sup> or Y<sup>2</sup> at least one triple bond, or at least one double bond and one triple bond~~; said hydrocarbon chain being substituted with C<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2-4</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkoxy, amino, nitro, C<sub>3-5</sub> cycloalkyl, 3-5

membered heterocycloalkyl, monocyclic aryl, 5-6 membered heteroaryl,  $C_{1-4}$  alkylcarbonyloxy,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyloxycarbonyl,  $C_{1-4}$  alkylcarbonyl, or formyl; and further being optionally interrupted by -O-, -N(R<sup>c</sup>)-, -N(R<sup>c</sup>)-C(O)-O-, -O-C(O)-N(R<sup>c</sup>)-, -N(R<sup>c</sup>)-C(O)-N(R<sup>d</sup>)-, or -O-C(O)-O-; each of R<sup>c</sup> and R<sup>d</sup>, independently, being hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, hydroxylalkyl, hydroxyl, or haloalkyl;

provided that when L is  $C_4$ , A is  $C_{3-14}$  cycloalkyl then Y<sub>1</sub> is not CH<sub>2</sub>; and further provided that when L is  $C_4$  containing two double bonds, and is ω-substituted with phenyl or substituted phenyl, A is not phenyl or substituted phenyl; further provided that when L is  $C_4$ -~~or~~  $C_{3-7}$  and contains one triple bond or one or two double bonds and A is phenyl or substituted phenyl, Y<sup>1</sup> is not a bond or -CH<sub>2</sub>- and Y<sup>2</sup> is -CH<sub>2</sub>-;

or a salt thereof, wherein the compound is not 8-phenyl-5-octenoic acid or 5, 5-diphenylpent-4-enoic acid.